Difficulties faced by service providers

2237. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by the service providers providing services abroad, by way of exporting man power and providing services in Information Technology sector because of the restrictions imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on opening of their subsidiaries abroad;

(b) if so, the restrictions and regulations imposed by RBI and the other regulations, if any, on opening of subsidiaries abroad by the service provider companies; and

(c) what steps have been taken/are being taken to obviate these difficulties and to promote trade in services sector by the Indian companies under the GATS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No specific restrictions have been imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on opening of joint ventures/wholly owned subsidiaries by the service providers.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Funds for infrastructure development in Chhattisgarh

2238. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds as proposed by the State Government of Chhattisgarh and the actual amount allocated for improvement of infrastructure of industrial areas for the year 2003-04 as compared to 2002-03;

(b) the funds released to the State, so far;

(c) the details of the progress made in various projects to improve infrastructure of industrial areas in the State; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to monitor improvement of these industrial areas in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 125.00 lakh has been released as Central assistance for the Growth Centres for the State of Chhattisgarh during the year 2002-03. However, no funds have been released during 2003-04 as the continuation of the scheme is being reviewed by the Planning Commission under 'Zero Based Budgeting'. Under the Growth Centre Scheme two Growth Centres have been allocated to the State of Chhattisgarh. The status of release of funds till date is given below:

(Rupees in lakh)

Sl. No	Name of State, Growth Centre/ District	Date of approval	Approved Project cost	Amount of Central Release	Amount Released by States & its Agencies	Total expenditure
1.	CHHATTISGARH	27.03.91	3633.00	893.00	1330.60	2223.60
2.	Borai (Durg)	11.03.92	3437.00	1000.00	1753.84	2753.84
	Siltara (Raipur)					

SIN	Name of State. Growth Centre/ District	Land acquired	Plots/ sheds developed	Plots/ sheds allotted	No. of units estab-lished	Capital invested by units (Rupees in lakh)	Employment generated
	CHHATTISGARH						
1.	Borai (Durg)	436.84 Hec.	323/35	55/26	36	11563	1404
2.	Siltara (Raipur)	1259.286 Hec.	151/10	32/10	19	63394	1731

Further, under the Assistance to State for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities Scheme (ASIDE), the State of Chhattisgarh has been allocated Rs. 2.00 Crore for the financial year 2003-04. An amount of Rs. 4.00 Crore has been released for 2002-03 to Chhattisgarh under Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme (CIBS)/ASIDE Scheme.

(c) and (d) Both the Growth Centres have become functional. Capital investment of Rs. 749.57 Crore has already been made in these projects. Monitoring of these projects is made on the basis of quarterly progress reports submitted by the State Government.